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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 12:30 p.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 11, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE DINGELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Merciful God, we enter this Chamber with a sense both of uncertainty and of indignation. The events of last week, the destruction, the damage, and the deaths of our fellow Americans are deeply disturbing. The seeds of discontent were sown across our country, and we have reaped the whirlwind.

Almighty God, speak into this storm. Allow Your holy spirit to descend upon the chaos and minister to our hearts. Still our fears, that we would remain firm in our resolve. Still our anger, that we would yield ourselves to Your gracious design for this Nation. Lord, vindicate Your intent for us to serve as representatives not just of our districts, but of Your will. Your love, Lord, endures forever. We pray, do not abandon the work of Your hands.

And as the spirit moves among us, inspire us again with Your purpose. Stir in us anew the desire to serve You well and faithfully as we seek to serve this divided country.

Call us to hear the words of Your mouth and praise You with our lives this day and in the days to come.

For we pray these things in the strength of Your holy name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Resolution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BROWNLEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. BROWNLEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 7, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I hereby submit my resignation as Sergeant at Arms of the U.S. House of Representatives. It has been an honor to serve.

Very respectfully,
PAUL D. IRVING,
Sergeant at Arms.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of section 208(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the Chair appoints Timothy Paul Blodgett of the State of New York to act as and to exercise the duties of Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, effective today.

Without objection, the Chair will now administer the oath of office.

There was no objection.

Mr. Blodgett appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Congratulations.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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ELECTING A MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Clerk lays before the House the resolution (H. Res. 22) electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 22

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION: Ms. Lofgren, Chair.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTING A MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the resolution (H. Res. 23) electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 23

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Rodney Davis of Illinois.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H. RES. 21, CALLING ON VICE PRESIDENT PENCE TO CONVENE AND MOBILIZE THE CABINET TO ACTIVATE SECTION 4 OF THE 25TH AMENDMENT TO DECLARE PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP INCAPABLE OF EXECUTING THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 21) calling on Vice President MICHAEL R. PENCE to convene and mobilize the principal officers of the executive departments of the Cabinet to activate section 4 of the 25th Amendment to declare President Donald J. Trump incapable of executing the duties of his office and to immediately exercise powers as acting President, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

Mr. MOONEY. Madam Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(B) of House Resolution 8, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 10 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 9 a.m.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 236. A bill to nullify the effect of Executive Order 13950 relating to combating race and sex stereotyping; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. POCAN, Mr. LIEU, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. COOPER, Mr. SCHRAMMER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. SWALWELL, and Ms. CHU):

H.R. 237. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow all eligible voters to vote by mail in Federal elections, to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to provide for automatic voter registration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. LOWENTHAL):

H.R. 238. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to require group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage to provide benefits for lung cancer screenings for certain individuals without the imposition of cost sharing; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BROWNLEY (for herself, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. SIRE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, and Ms. CHU):

H.R. 239. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for limitations on copayments for contraception furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. BROWNLEY (for herself, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. CHU, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN):

H.R. 240. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Labor to prioritize the provision of services to homeless veterans with dependents in carrying out homeless veterans reintegration programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CHABOT (for himself and Mr. SHERMAN):

H.R. 241. A bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. DEAN (for herself and Mr. NADLER):

H.R. 242. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to increase the amount of the allowable homestead exemption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. FOX (for herself, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BUDD, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. POSEY, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. LONG, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. LATTI, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BABIN, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. MCHENRY, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. BARR, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. HAGEDORN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. CARL, Mr. EMMER, Mr. DUNN, Mr. GUEST, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. TIMMONS, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. BUCK, Mr. SMUCKER, and Mr. WRIGHT):

H.R. 243. A bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GOMEZ (for himself and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York):

H.R. 244. A bill to strengthen and enhance certain ethics requirements for the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 245. A bill to amend sections 111, 169, and 171 of the Clean Air Act to clarify when a physical change in, or change in the method of operation of, a stationary source constitutes a modification or construction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 246. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 180 West Main Street in Abingdon,